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To improve aviation safety in Alaska, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. MURKOWSKI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

To improve aviation safety in Alaska, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Alaska Omnibus Avia-
5 tion Improvement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. IDITAROD AIR FORCE.**

7 (a) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 90 days after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of
9 the Federal Aviation Administration shall promulgate reg-
10 ulations that exempt Iditarod Air Force pilots, for at least
11 5 years beginning on the date on which such regulations
12 are promulgated, from the provisions of sections 61.113(a)

1 and 119.21(a)(1) of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations,
2 to allow such pilots to accept nonmonetary compensation
3 for costs directly related to flying in support of the
4 Iditarod Sled Dog Race.

5 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In promulgating regulations
6 under subsection (a), the Administrator shall consider—

7 (1) the unique nature of the race and its oper-
8 ation;

9 (2) the necessity of safe and efficient air trans-
10 port;

11 (3) the public interest served;

12 (4) the appropriate level of safety;

13 (5) the availability of cost-effective commercial
14 substitutes;

15 (6) the inapplicability of many provisions under
16 part 135 of title 14, United States Code, to the ac-
17 tivities described in subsection (a); and

18 (7) limitations that the Administrator deter-
19 mines to be necessary for the safety of the pilots and
20 passengers.

21 **SEC. 3. ALASKA FLIGHT SERVICE STATIONS.**

22 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
23 ment of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal Avia-
24 tion Administration shall develop, implement, and submit

1 to Congress a plan for the future of flight service stations
2 in Alaska that includes—

3 (1) the establishment of a formal training and
4 hiring program for flight service specialists; and

5 (2) a schedule for necessary inspection, up-
6 grades, and modernization of stations and equip-
7 ment.

8 **SEC. 4. MEDALLION FOUNDATION.**

9 Section 106(k)(2) of title 49, United States Code, is
10 amended by adding at the end the following:

11 “(H) Such sums as may be necessary for
12 fiscal years 2009 through 2012, to carry out
13 the Medallion Program in Alaska.”.

14 **SEC. 5. ALASKA AVIATION SAFETY PROJECT.**

15 Section 106(k)(2)(F) of title 49, United States Code,
16 is amended by striking “2004 through 2007” and insert-
17 ing “2009 through 2012”.

18 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF TRAINEE POSITIONS.**

19 Grant amounts received by airports located in Alaska
20 under the Airport Improvement Program, authorized
21 under chapter 471 of title 49, United States Code, may
22 be used for trainee positions in the same manner as such
23 positions are authorized for Federal-aid highway projects

- 1 under section 230.111 of title 23, Code of Federal Regula-
- 2 tions (or successor regulations).

